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Bro. D. W. Eatman, of Meridian, died on Nov. 24th, 1899.

Buckner's Orphans' Home, in Texas, supports regularly over 350 children.

Bro. H. P. Cook sends \$3.60, paying arrearages and an advance subscription, but fails to give his postoffice. Will he kindly send his postoffice?

Pastor E. L. Wesson has accepted a call from Sardis church for one-half his time, and will give the other half to evangelistic work. He will begin the work at Sardis, January 1, 1900.

Judge H. C. Conn was a welcome visitor at our office a few days since. He seems to be looking forward with a good deal of interest to the coming of the new pastor, Dr. A. T. Fawcett.

The District meeting of the Yazoo Association will meet with the Central church, six miles west of Pickins, 10 a. m., Friday Dec. 29, 30, 31. Introductory sermon by J. T. Ellis; Alternate, J. P. Hickman.

We had the pleasure of meeting in our office Monday Bro. R. E. Gayden, of Brandon. We felt that we were well acquainted with him, as his Bro. L. O. Gayden, was our room-mate in Mississippi College more than twenty years ago.

The 56th Congress of the United States meet promptly on time on Monday the 4th inst. David B. Henderson, of Iowa, was elected speaker of the House. The Roberts case was the first thing considered. Objection was made to taking the oath. Up to this date, Dec. 7, Congress refuses to admit him. Good!

On the 1st inst at 7 p. m. in the Jackson Baptist church Dr. Charles Hillman Brough delivered a very helpful address to a large congregation on the subject: "Possibilities of Young Christians of Today." All were charmed.

The argument most apt and ample. For common use is the example.

On the first vote in the recent Texas Convention there were 2411 votes cast. Quite a respectable body—considerably larger than the Southern Baptist Convention. This is one instance in which a part is larger than the whole. More than \$50,000 was raised for missions, and \$100,000 for Education.

President Kruger, whose address of welcome to the Baptist Union, which met recently in Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal country in South Africa, is President of the Transvaal, and hence Commander-in-Chief of the Boer forces now engaged in war with Great Britain in the interest of liberty.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Yallobusha Baptist Association will meet with Bethel church, Grenada county, five miles south of Oascilla, beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, at 9 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by pastor.

Yours truly,
J. R. WHITE.

During last college session, the Board of Ministerial Education in South Carolina, aided seventeen young men in their course. To do this it expended \$663.82. Not more than \$75 00 were given to any one student. This Board has been asked for \$570 00. It has in bank \$110.71. Mississippi aided twenty, last session, using \$1,015.40. More will be needed this session.

At a meeting of the Convention Board held on the 5th inst. in this city, we resigned our position as Treasurer of this Board on account of having more work on hand than we could attend to. Rev. Z. T. Leavell, Jackson, was elected as our successor. All money, therefore, designed for the Convention Board should be sent to Rev. Z. T. Leavell, Jackson, and not to T. J. Bailey, as heretofore.

The services of Pres. W. T. Lowrey as pastor of the Clinton Baptist church have been secured. This is, it occurs to us, a most fortunate arrangement, as by it the student body of both Mississippi

College and Hillman College is brought under Dr. Lowrey's able ministry. What a magnificent opportunity the Doctor has for impressing his strong personality upon these hundreds of young hearts!

Vice-President Garret A. Hobart is represented as a high-minded and exemplary man. He is a fine example of what pluck and plodding will accomplish. He began life as a poor boy. When he was graduated from Rutgers College, he went to Paterson, N. J., where he resided till his death, with a cash capital of \$1.50. He began as a law clerk at a few dollars a week. He was always diligent and faithful in business. He died the Vice-President of the United States, worth about one and a half millions, and respected and honored by all who knew him.

Dr. Searcy writes: "I have accepted the pastorate of Biloxi church. We had a good day yesterday. About sixty in Sunday school. Good congregation morning and night."

With the doctor's experience in general church work, we may reasonably expect to see the cause at Biloxi move up, not rapidly, but certainly. The predominant religious element in Biloxi is Catholic; and we need not look for very rapid growth in such circumstances. But let us all pray for Bro. Searcy's success in the Lord's work there.

Rev. Robert Lowrey, D. D., died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., on last Saturday. He was in his seventy-fourth year, having been born in Philadelphia, March 12, 1826. He was one of our most famous Baptist hymn writers, having written such tender, soul-refreshing hymns as, "Jerusalem, Forever Bright," "My Life Flows on in Endless Song," "One More Day's Work for Jesus," and "Shall We Gather at the River."

Mr. E. W. Long tells the following interesting anecdote: "On a very hot summer day in 1864, a pastor was seated in his parlor in Brooklyn, N. Y. It was a time when an epidemic was sweeping through the city, and draping many per-

sons and dwellings in mourning. All around friends and acquaintances were passing away to the spirit land in large numbers. The question began to arise in the heart, with unusual emphasis, 'Shall we meet again?' 'We are parting at the river of death, shall we meet at the river of life?' 'Seating myself at the organ,' says he [Dr. Lowry], 'simply to give vent to the pent up emotions of the heart, the words and the music of the hymn began to flow out, as if by inspiration:

"Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod?"

Dr. J. B. Craffill, after a few month's experience in running a Baptist paper on a cash basis, has this to say of the experiment: "We rejoice that our cash system is meeting with such universal favor. Of course it works a hardship on some, but it is far better for all. The plan is simple. We start the paper when the money starts, and stop it when the money stops. All are treated alike. The paper of the banker stops just like the paper of the poor widow when the time expires. No man's credit is strong enough to get this paper on any other than the cash basis. Words of approval reach us from every side concerning this plan. Some of our editorial brethren thought the cash system would ruin *The Standard*, but exactly the reverse is true. We would no more go back to the credit system than the writer would again dress in kilts. The cash system is here to stay, so far as *The Standard* is concerned. We force the paper on no one, and no name goes on the list unless the owner of it is enough interested to pay to have it put there."

The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Co. has determined to put *THE BAPTIST* on a cash basis. We hope by the first of next January to have it so. Therefore, we urge every one whose time has expired or nearly so to remit an advanced subscription, and have your figures moved up one year. The tendency of business in every sphere is towards the cash basis. This is evidently a right tendency. It will be found easier to pay in advance than at close of year, and the readers will enjoy their papers more.

Thanksgiving Sermon.

BY W. E. ELLIS.

PSALM 107:1—"Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good."

Today, in the midst of nature's beauty, culture and the wild fluttering of joyous hearts, we unite to bespeak the gratitude of thoughtful hearts. While there breathes over us the spirit of music and mirth and exhilaration, we are carried back in thought to the first thanksgiving day of our country. We are hurried back to the threshold of our country and of our liberty; back to the fluttering banner of the old colonial days when the thanksgiving dinner steamed before the old log fire. In the autumn of 1621, amid the boundless wilderness of a new world, the first thanksgiving of our country was celebrated. It was on New England shores, in a dark wilderness where no ax had leveled the giant progeny of the crowded groves, in which the fantastic forms of withered limbs that had been blasted and riven by lightning, contrasted with the verdant freshness of a younger growth of branches, that Gov. Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. Far removed from loved ones by the surging billows of a mighty sea, where an unbroken wilderness mingled its gloom with that of a cold November day, the Pilgrim Fathers here taught to generations yet unborn the lesson of thanksgiving. In their heroic battle of faith against the most fearful odds they sounded the alpha of our independence. Through faith they conquered where others would have gone down in despair. Their faith is our faith, their hope is our hope, their God is our God. These institutions of our thanksgiving day died in a glorious struggle, and no funeral note, save the dirge of the mournful sea, breathed upon their sad and lonely burial, yet their mantles have fallen on us. With an unflinching faith that overspread their dark and lonely path with a star-lit galaxy, they pressed bravely forward in their undertakings. This first service was an offering of pure devotions arising from the sentiments of gratitude in the offerers' own bosom. It was connected with joy, praise and gladness and the voice of melody. But I sometimes fear that while their mantles fell on us, we did not catch a double portion of their spirit. They rocked the cradle in which slumbered Infant America. They breathed upon that tiny thing the spirit of prayer and thanksgiving. They whispered into these tiny ears the story of an All-wise Providence.

Under such pabulum our nation grew strong, and said to other nations we are your peers. Then it was that liberty bells chimed their mightiest chorus and the Declaration of Independence which was the words of the song, wrote itself on history's page. From those dark days and from that first thanksgiving day our nation has gone forward with a bound. And some one has well said, "We have passed from a dark wilderness to fields of waving grain, from the savage hut to the crowding cities thronged with human life, and resounding with the multitudinous hum of traffic; from the plodding pack-horse to the panting engine that stands champing his bit at every door; from the rude dug-out to the steamship that turns its brave prow from our ports, with a compass like a conscience, crossing thousands of miles of billows without missing a throb of its mighty iron heart, from shore to shore." Our authors various, multitudinous, in all forms of letters, poetry, philosophy, scientific discussion, narrative and romance have given proof of the progressive inspiration around them. Our scientists have prayed in every rock-bed and read the story of an unwritten past. Our inventors with their skill have put many novel instruments into the disciplined hands of men, and through telegraphy we throw our voices around the globe, and through the telephone we whisper friendship's tenderest note. Our commerce has spread her sails and lingers in every port. Our railroad trains, like thundering demons, dart across our continent from shore to shore, climbing rocky crests and skimming across alkali plains. Today we stand the peer of any nation, and the secret of our greatness is writ on the pages of the old Book, and today our devotion to its God, is told in thanksgiving of a million hearts. Upon the balmy breezes of our United States from the Mexic Gulf to the Northern lakes; from the turbulent Atlantic to the soft gliding Pacific, the hum of many voices blends its merry music of laughter and tells the story of a happy thanksgiving people. While others bespeak the thoughts of thankful hearts let us not forget our obligations to a merciful Father. Here in our quiet village where our evening sun expires in mists that drape the sky with the glory of the clouds, surrounded by lakes that glow alone like gems, in the midst of vast forests that bury their feet in the mould of uncounted centuries, and by the side of a river that stretches across a continent its chain of silver, let us lift our hearts

of gratitude and make our voices join in the mighty chorus of thanksgiving. While the soft mellow sunlight shines warmly through the drowsy haze of this autumn day, and the gentle winds come laden with the perfume of the forest like a lingering dream of summer to a joy to this thanksgiving hour, let us let not our devotion die and the mourning of winter winds sigh its dirge, but with one mighty voice tingling with the aroma of thanksgiving, let us turn to the giver of all good. Do not ask me please—

I. FOR WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THANKS?

Do not press this interrogation. Because every sunbeam is a benediction and every dewdrop jeweled in the vase of the lily is a blessing in disguise. Temporal blessings have been lavishly ours and to recount them would be a Herculean task. While the old clock on the mantle has slowly counted the hours of another year and the sleepless vigils in many homes have proved useless and the sombre shades of God's Acre have let many weary souls lie down to rest yet our little town has been most fortunate. I suspect there have been few years when its health was better. True some of our homes have felt the tread of death about the old hearthstone and hot tears from broken hearts scalded out the joys for awhile yet the calm "peace be still," from the Master of the seas bids even these look up and rejoice. In the past two months while the dreadful scourge of yellow fever has been sweeping over our state and breaking the golden bowls and snapping the brittle thread of life, hanging crepe on the door knob and leaving vacant chairs and drenching pillows in tears and destroying the verdant freshness of these homes leaving them like the yellow woodland of an autumn hour, God's hand has been about us. Not because we were better than our fellows, but because of His own good pleasure he chose to do, may be to teach us a lesson which we have not yet learned.

In the Springtime when the floods threatened to mantle our Delta in liquid shroud, and men were nervous over the situation, we were spared the suspense while others almost heard the rhythmic dip of oars as they launched out from their homes being buried in a watery grave, we were in our parlors enjoying the blessings God gave. Our past year has been burdened with blessings bestowed. Whether it be in the vernal spring with white nodding daisies

or royal impurpling violets, or when the deepest incense of roses and of lilies wing in their perfumed censors in summer time; or when the colors of the Orient dye the gold and russet ways of autumn's reign; or when the ermine drifts of winter fall not whiter than the gleam of angel wings that hover there, "through it all God has shown his favor. The horn of plenty has spilled its rich contents in the lap of our country. While the northern wheatfields groan under their burdens of golden grain and the scythe chants its monotonous lay as it clips for the gleaner, we can but turn from this and gaze on our own cotton fields, where silken fibre like mightiest snowflakes stretch before us their countless acres. The earth, the air and the water have yielded their bountiful supplies and to-day the good women have done honor to their skill and ingenuity by setting before their hungry guests a repast as sumptuous and inviting as it is varied and delightful. Look over our country and with furtive imagination steal a glance into the dining halls. There you will catch a glimpse clamoring for thankfulness. Roast turkey, savory meats, roasts of all kinds, salads, cakes and porridge, while the centre of each board is adorned with daintiest flowers scattering rich aroma and filling the atmosphere with a sweeter incense than ever rose from vestal fires on the altars of Rome.

Not for the temporal blessings alone should we give thanks but for spiritual blessings as well. That old Book is the guiding star that is lighting up the pathway of our country and urging us on to the attainment of the highest possibilities, its truths breed the noblest aspirations and most heroic purposes in this life and touch the grandest possibilities of the soul in the life to come. Not only this, it is a lamp to the individual's feet and the light to his path. It is a pantry where a hungry world can be fed. It is a fountain where the thirsty world can quench its thirst. Its pages ring with the teachings of a Carpenter's son, who is our refuge where we can harbor when life tosses like a wild ocean. When no joy can be had because of the thunderous dash of trouble which appalls the ear and sweeps over us in triumphant insolence we can sing with rapt delight:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershadowed
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

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homes made brighter and heaven's music increased. Souls have been adopted into the family of God and stand justified before the great Judge. Hearts of stone melted into tears and now are lifted up in thanksgiving. Its pages are spanned with promises that arch and pave and fresco our path with a starlit galaxy. They hold aloft in darkest hours a star of hope and in heaven's blue bend above they span our twilight hour with their rainbow hues of glory. With a path lit with God's promises I could not be a pessimist. If there is a gleam in the rift I want to catch it. The world growing worse. No! God's word is truth.

"The chains of sin are falling, brothers, falling fast,
Mankind doth bravely burst his trammels sore,
Admits one law, one God, one mighty truth
Whose golden links entwine us evermore,
Around the feet divine of Him who said:
"My truth makes you free, forever free;
Break, break and clash and clang, ye falling chains,
Till earth one grand deliverance shall see;
Break, grind to shapless dust your cruel mass,
Free feet, free hearts, free souls are marching on to God and truth
Stand back, stand back and let them pass."

II. WE ARE UNDER OBLIGATIONS TO RENDER THANKS.

Our obligation arises in the first place because of the relation in which we stand to God. God owes us nothing. We are not independent, but dependent. We are not masters but the subjects of a master. We are not dispensers of bounty, but petitioners upon another's bounty. We are not powers but pigmies. We are not Gibralters, but weaklings. We are not a strong cordon able to protect ourselves, but must needs flee to a mightier refuge. Though we might pile hilltops with structures that shall surpass the time-dying pyramids of the Egyptians or the beans, or the immortal gracefulness of Corinth or Athens, these in God's sight would appear as filthy rags. Though your character should shine as a noon-day sun yet God says "one thing thou lackest." Yet there is a hand held out in pity—it is the hand of Him whose word is truth, whose look is love, whose touch is life, whose smile is heaven, the hand of Him who lifts a blind Bartimeus at the gates of Jericho. Indeed our path should be marked by Ebenezers, where in life's hurried flight and hottest battles we have paused to render homage. It is not only right but commanded. "Give

thanks unto God" has been the call to which thousands of hearts have made response. The Psalmist who knew how with deft fingers to pull music from the strings of his harp and make the heart into sublimest ecstasy had no sweeter moments in life than when he entered heaven's gates with thanksgiving and into the courts of God with praise. Paul, that mighty logician who could stand an Areopagus and split hairs with Athenian philosophers, and a man in whom we can find whatever is sweet in humble affection, beautiful in purity, heroic in sacrifice, elevated in aspiration or unquenchable in hope, had no more rapt delight than when acknowledging the goodness of God. These are worthy exemplars. Our unworthiness of the least of God's favors appeals to man's nobler nature and pleads with him to turn to God and with thanks from heart and lip render its dues. To-day while we touch tenderly the chords of our musical nature into mellowest note and chant hallelujahs let us remember that we do not merit God's favors. Many of our fellows nobler in life perhaps than we are at this moment listening to poverty's call, and the loud hammering tells the story of unpaid rents. Tiny orphans in their asylums, with fathers and mothers at rest in the old church-yard, lift their voices in pleadings for bread. But above these wails we can all rejoice because there is coming a time when earth discords shall be exchanged for heaven's concordant notes. There where the "young man's bass, the maiden's clear alto, the old man's quavering notes and the child's fresh treble" will be joined by heaven's angelic hosts, then music, sweet heavenly music, shall roll its floodtide of joy through eternity's ceaseless years.

Our obligation to render thanks also arises because of God's goodness. Is he good? Yes, with our tapes we can't measure his goodness. He so loved us that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. And this son who was the embodiment of God's goodness so loved us that he threw aside his starlit crown for one of thorns. His love brought him from the skies; it made him a poverty-stricken wanderer; it made him at the grave of Lazarus to step into the sisterhood of tears; it sent him to Gethsemane. It sent him to Calvary. His was a goodness that belts the earth with a zone of brightest sunshine, a goodness which when we fully comprehend it and come in touch

J. M. FROST, Corresponding Secretary.

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with it, the heart is moved to hallelujahs and the lip bespeaks his praise, a goodness which when humanity comes in touch with it the heart can chant a triumphant song even in front of the grave. It is not transient but abiding. So let us lift our thanks for it is all that we can give and the least we can give. Let us render fervent praises unto the Lord for his goodness unto the children of men, both with our lips and with our lives, by thanksgiving and thanksgiving. As we begin the new year let us tie our faith on to God. For, "There shall come a time when the proudest works of genius shall decay; And reason's brightest lustre fade away—
The sophist's art the poets boldest flight,
Shall sink in darkness and conclude in night;
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Shall grasp this sacred volume in its hand
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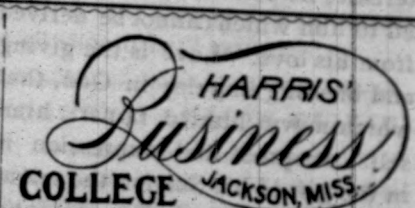


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Divine Judgment.

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Whatever Jesus says concerning himself and the Father in their relation to the judgment of men ought to excite universal attention and careful study.

"The Father judgeth no man"—John 5:22. This is the first statement which fixes attention. It surprises us. What does it mean? God as Father judges and condemns no man. Why? Because in his moral nature, in his disposition and mode of action toward men, "God is love." No characteristic, no activity, can be ascribed to him which cannot be derived from his love. Love is the giving and blessing impulse in God, that which moves him to impart himself. Its proof and expression is in the gift of his Son for the salvation of a world of sinners (John 3:16). The Father is concerned about the salvation of men, and not with their judgment and condemnation.

"But hath committed all judgment unto the Son." God as Son is judge. By virtue of his divine nature he is the Son of God, and is therefore infinite in knowledge and wisdom and power. By virtue of his human nature he is the son of man, knows by experience the trials of mankind, and therefore, judgment was committed to him (John 5:27).

Jesus teaches that there are three great judgments.

TIME—JUDGMENT—
The Moral Test.

There is a process of judgment—a sitting between the evil and the good. It is going on here and now. Final judgment will be only a result and ratification of this discrimination and separation. Simeon said at his birth that Jesus Christ would be the touch-stone of the human heart, the revelation of human character, (Luke 2:35).

While Christ is represented, not only as actually judging men, but as coming into the world for that purpose, there are certain passages which deny that he judges them. He said that he was sent and came not for judgment (John 3:17; 8:15; 12:47). And yet he claimed and exercised that authority (John 5:30; 8:16; 9:39). Reconciliation of these apparent contradictions will bring out an important doctrine. When it stands in contrast to salvation Jesus came not to judge. When judgment means moral test he came for that purpose. The primary purpose of Jesus was to save and not to condemn the world; but his life and

work and truth will test men. Their acceptance or rejection of him will judge and separate mankind. A man's attitude towards Christ is the revelation of his deepest self. It is the outcome of his inmost nature, and betrays his whole character. He is the test of what men are. Their relation to him writes in plain letters whether they love good or evil (John 3:19).

Grasp this truth. The attitude of Christ towards mankind is solely that of Savior; but in the very act of presenting himself to men he must bring the penalty of blindness and hardness to those who reject him. His life and word and work judge men in the sense of condemning them. So then men really judge themselves. "He that believeth is not condemned;" his attitude towards Christ carries in its very nature his acquittal. "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God;" his judgment is involved in his attitude towards Jesus. Christ did not come to judge, but to save him; his rejection of salvation turns the saving message itself into judgment.

The fruits of this time-judgment are reaped here and now, not in deed fully, but really. It is true of believers, (John 5:24; Rom. 5:1; 8:1). It is none the less true of unbelievers, (John 3:18; Rom. 1:21, 28). The touch-stone is being applied now, the moral test is being made here, the trial and separation of men is going on, their acquittal and condemnation is taking place every day. The revelation of God in Jesus Christ judges and separates men.

DEATH—JUDGMENT—
The Assignment.

This follows time-judgment, and is in accordance with the test made here and now. It is based upon the material formed in this life. We must all at death pass judgment—assignment according to character. There is no long sleep after death. The grave does not hold the soul until the resurrection of the body. When a man dies his body returns to dust and his soul to God.

This assignment is made once for all. So Jesus taught (Luke 16:19-31). This was Stephen's hope (Acts 7:56-59), and Paul's desire (Phil. 1:23). A second probation is a dream of man and not a revelation from God. Cleansing purgatorial fires were kindled by human ingenuity. "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment."

RESURRECTION—JUDGMENT—
The Reward.

This judgment of men will take place at the second coming of Christ and after the resurrection of the body. We all pass through a process of judgment, a moral test, here and now; all who die pass at that time through a judgment of assignment; but we must all stand and appear in our real character at the judgment seat of Christ.

Three days before he suffered the king himself gave a pictorial representation of the judgment scene (Mat. 25:31-46). The purpose will not be to obtain information, for the judge will need the testimony of no one concerning man; not that men may know their doom, for there can be no question about that after the judgment of assignment; but for the public manifestation of character, for the open and universal acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord, and for the exhibition of justice in the distribution of rewards. These will be in exact accordance with the moral tests of time-judgment, and the assignment of death-judgment. Salvation, eternal life, is the gift of God to every one who believes on his son. Eternal death is the penalty of his rejection. Rewards of believers are in proportion to fidelity in service. Penalties are given according to conduct of unbelievers, the degrees of wickedness. Then every one shall receive according to deeds done in the body.

These rewards and penalties of the kingdom, in their fullness, will be given to the complete man, in the re-united soul and body. Believers in Christ will enter into the rewards of the kingdom in glorified bodies and purified souls. Those who reject him will receive the penalties of the kingdom in risen bodies and immortal souls reunited.

Vicksburg, Miss.

The Great Baptist Convention in Texas.

This report is a week late, but it may interest your readers. We all regret, brother Editor, that you could not, as Burns put it, be "A while among us taking notes."

Two days prior to the Convention the Pastors' Conference met. Dr. J. M. Robertson was President, and Thos. W. White, an ex-Mississippian, was Secretary. There were five or six hundred pastors present, and the sweetest harmony prevailed in all their deliberations. There are about 3000 preachers in the state, but only about 1500 giving all their time to the Ministry.

The two days were well spent in discussing questions of practical

importance to pastors, and proved to be days of spiritual preparations for the great Convention.

There were fully three thousand messengers with a few visitors present when President R. C. Buckner called the Convention to order. There were a number of brethren present who were not in accord with the Convention and they delayed its organization and work; but all the old officers were re-elected and the work went on bravely and beautifully. R. C. Buckner, President, A. E. Baten and J. E. Truett secretaries. T. J. Butler Treasurer, and J. B. Gambrell Corresponding Secretary. Prof. John S. Tanner of Baylor University, Waco, preached the introductory sermon, and it was thoughtful and spiritually uplifting.

The report of the Education Commission read by the Secretary, Dr. B. H. Carroll, was an elaborate and cheering document. It showed that \$105,000 had been secured, and that nearly \$165,000 had been collected, and that the pressing needs of our fine correlated schools had been relieved. Baylor University has enrolled, including the summer students, over seven hundred, and Baylor College at Belton, has matriculated this session 280 students, about 200 of whom are boarders. Our other six schools are each well attended, but Burleson College at Greenville has suffered some as to patronage on account of small pox prevailing in the early fall near Greenville. The financial secretary thinks it will not be a very difficult task to secure the next \$100,000 that is needed for our schools. Cattle men, bankers, merchants, farmers, preachers, teachers, day laborers and sewing girls, all our people, are helping our School Commission. Over one hundred young men in our schools are preparing for the Ministry.

Recording Secretary Geo. W. Truett of Dallas read the magnificent report on State Missions. It was like a great and inspiring sermon to the 3000 and more people who heard it. No wonder it was adopted unanimously. Secretary Gambrell had collected for all purposes something over \$50,000, and 149 missionaries had been employed, during the year for a part or all of their time. Of the money, \$2,237.45 had been spent for the relief of aged ministers, \$8,071.19 for Home Missions, \$10,554.42 for Foreign Missions, and \$32,923.19 for State Missions. The expenses of the Board were less than 10 per cent.

Buckner Orphan Home, received, as it deserves, a good share of the attention of the Convention. At one time business was suspended while some two hundred of the three

WHY I AM A BAPTIST ONLY.

A DREAM.

BY R. G. HEWLETT.

NO. 14.

Captain Pintos passed on to look after interests in other parts of the ship, leaving me to meditations on the subject of our conversation, which were about thusly:

"Suppose those sailors from our ship were to die over there on some trip to that ship, with their uniforms and Christian character left behind here divested of these, what would become of them? In that ship they are not on Christian ground, they are possibly in the devil's territory, or putting it more mildly, on worldly ground. I don't think I would like to die on board that ship over there, when I leave this world I wish to depart from it as a Christian, and not as member of 'The Order of Patrons of St. John The Baptist,' or of any other Order, for that matter. Won't a man appear at the judgment in the same character in which he leaves this world? If a man dies in a ball room, won't he appear at the judgment as a dancer?"

"Then, again, those sailors have gone off to mix up with all sorts of abominable characters in a united brotherhood, and a common level. They have left their wives on board ship here, while they take nocturnal trips to that which their wives know not of. Suppose that when they get back they find the tables have turned and their wives following their husbands' examples, have gone off on a similar trip, to similar meetings, to mingle on a level with all kinds of base female characters."

"Oh, my! Wouldn't these good (?) husbands raise sut, though?"

"And yet it seems to me to be a bad rule that won't work both ways."

"A man should not do what he should be unwilling for his wife to do under similar circumstances. And he should keep himself just as pure as he desires his wife to be."

"Women are not half as careful about requiring purity and good habits in the men they marry, as men are about requiring these qualities in the women they take for their wives; more is the pity that they are not. It is in the power of woman to elevate the moral standard of man, if she would only take the proper steps to that end. No man of respectability would stoop low enough to marry a drunken woman, with the expectation of reforming her. Yet,

how many nice women have received drunkards for their husbands with a hope of reforming them. A vain hope they found such to be, when it was too late, to avoid the terrible results. One would think that women would be as particular as men.

Being off duty for the night, my cogitations being ended, I decided to retire. But on passing the room of Vangelistees, I saw that his light was still burning. Tapping, he bade me come in.

"I would like to ask a question," said I, on entering.

"Ask on," said he.

"If I should do a good act, say a charitable deed, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc. and do it in any other character than as a Christian or in any other name than Christ's, our Emmanuel's, would I, by that act glorify Christ or the Father?"

"Most certainly you would not. You would bring glory to the character or name in which you acted. You have doubtless read in the book I gave you what Christ says about doing things in his name?"

"Yes, I have read all that, and thought as you say about it, but I wish your opinion about that matter, to be sure I was right," said I.

"A little thought ought to teach you the same. 'If I were to furnish you the means to relieve the needy and you were to go and do it in my name, I would get the credit of it, and be honored thereby, whereas if you did the charitable act in your own name you would get the credit of it. We can only glorify the Father through the Son, Christ, by accepting and obeying him. Nothing that ignores Christ can bring glory to God.'"

"And if I should thus fail to glorify God the Father through Jesus Christ, God would not reward me for what I did, even though it was right in itself."

"Of course not. There is no other foundation of God upon which to build save Christ, and as the Father and Son reward only acts of obedience, we must not only do that which is commanded, but also do it in the way or through the name commanded, otherwise it would not be obedience."

"Christ teaches to put the light on the candlestick or lamp stand and let it shine forth from there. He says, the seven candlesticks are seven churches; thus we see that the candlestick represents his church or this ship. Then his followers are to belong to his church, and work through his church as church members and not otherwise. To do otherwise is to fail in a per-

fect obedience and consequently to suffer loss in the bestowing of the final rewards."

"Then I fear that many of this ship's crew are going to be sadly disappointed at last. I mean those men who not only claim to belong to this ship's crew but to the crews of one or more of the other ships sailing here. 'I saw a boat load to-night going to the ship known as The Patrons of The Order of St. John The Baptist; and this is a nightly occurrence. Some go off and never return. These trips bode no good for this ship I think,' said I.

"No, And those who make them I fear, are not single hearted in Seeking the Glory of Emmanuel as all should be," said he.

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Besides this, we need furniture for the four rooms. Need four iron bedsteads and springs, four mattresses and some pillows and sheets. Need ten sitting chairs, and four round study tables.

We need also money to buy provisions with. There are seventeen ministerial students now eating at the tables in the other two cottages. We have twenty-two to provide for; and need money and provisions for them.

"We beg those friends who" so kindly pledged subscriptions at the last convention, and have not paid them, please forward the same at an early date.

We also beg other friends of ministerial education to help us now, for we are in urgent need.

Send contributions direct to the secretary, or to Bro. W. T. Lowrey.

GEO. WHITFIELD,
Secretary.

Clinton, Miss., Dec. 2, 1899.

AN EXPLANATION.

I was sorry to miss the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Canton. "Loyalty to Christ" is the motto of the B. Y. P. U. and that same motto made me miss the convention. Before the convention was announced I had partially engaged myself to Pastor Bacon and his church for a meeting. The meeting could not be postponed and neither could the convention. My wife had expected to take a party of our young people, but she decided later to join me at Oxford in the meeting and thus missed the convention. Some of our young people would have gone any way but the report of scarlet fever in Canton kept them away. Thus, you see a combination of circumstances conspired against us.

But let no one think we are not interested in the B. Y. P. U. work. We have one of the most enthusiastic and earnest local Unions in the State of its age. Organized last July and since that time it has

been characterized by wonderful development.

W. A. McComb,
Crystal Springs.

A DAY AT CLINTON.

Last Sunday was a good day at Clinton. There were present in the Sunday School 205. I sat in Prof. Lowrey's class, which had a well prepared lesson on Sabbath observance. Supt. P. H. Eager made a splendid talk to the whole school, on the change of the Sabbath from the 7th to the 1st day of the week. The talk showed research and profound learning and deep piety. At the noon service Pastor W. T. Lowrey preached from the text: "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." It was a strong sermon, well delivered on heart purpose, or a purpose always to do right. God helps a man to carry out such a purpose. A song by a quartett from Prof. Hailey's chorus class, was beautifully rendered and had a fine effect on the large audience.

Three valuable members were received into the church. A collection was also taken for the Church Building Fund, the amount of which I did not get. There were some Young People's meetings in the afternoon. At 7 p. m. the house was packed almost to its capacity. The audience was led in singing by Prof. Hailey's Chorus class. The sermon was preached by this scribe, on Christ our Advocate. It was good to be there.

J. B. S.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Our Baptist women, throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are using their utmost endeavor to have all our churches to make a Christmas Offering to Missions. The Women's Union at Baltimore is sending out literature through the secretaries of the Central Committees of the different states bearing upon the subject. Mrs. W. R. Woods, Secretary of our Central Committee, is sending over the state a large amount of this literature. It is very desirable that the Pastors and the Vice-Presidents of the Associations together with all the Ladies' Societies use their best endeavor to have this literature put in the hands of our people, and that a united effort be made to have large offerings made to the cause of Missions. The Lord has greatly blessed us in enlarging our opportunities for spreading the gospel to those who are in need of the word of life. He has likewise blessed us in material prosperity. We



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In Answer to J. D. Bonner's Query.

According to the general form of church letters, this brother was still a member of the church granting the letter. They usually read "dismissed from us when joined to another church of like faith and order." Of course this can mean nothing else than that they are members until they join another church. So, if the brother in question had not joined any other church, and the church which granted his letter had preferred no charge against him for absence, then it was his privilege to vote. Living in gross neglect of known duties, he should not have claimed and exercised the right to vote. But until he ceases to be a member, he can exercise all the common rights and privileges of the church.

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THE POWER OF GENTLENESS.

Yeas ago when I was quite a child I heard a minister preach a most beautiful and forceful sermon from the text: "Thy gentleness hath made me great." I have never forgotten it. He illustrated the words by a number of telling instances which evidently appealed to all his hearers, and which proved conclusively that gentleness often accomplished what could never have been accomplished by force.

Shakespeare evolved the same thought in his lines in "As You like It:"

"Your gentleness shall force more than your force moves us to gentleness."

When Orlando, searching the forest for food with which to revive the almost dying Adam, comes suddenly upon the bounteous feast of the duke and his courtiers, rushes upon them with drawn sword and attempts to force an instant consideration, the duke stops him abruptly with the words:

"Your gentleness shall force more than your force move us to gentleness."

Force and dictatorship in the home, the school, the church were the general rule not many years ago. The parents laid down the law to their children most emphatically. There were many firm rules and regulations in the home, against which, merely because they were rules, not always because they were disliked, children rebelled. Had gentleness in the guiding and winning of the children prevailed there would have been no trouble in leading most of them to obey the wishes of their parents rather than the laws which so frequently irritated them.

Lately the teachings of Froebel, the increasing influence of educators who strive to make schools pleasant and attractive to the children, the multiplication of philanthropic institutions, industrial schools, and outing opportunities for the city poor, all these have had a reflex influence upon the home and the parents. There is at present far less of strict and severe discipline in our homes, there is much more being done all the time for the happiness of the children, and more opportunities for the development of individuality allowed. While formerly in the majority of our homes, and in nearly all of our schools, all children were subjected to the very same drill and forced to study the same lessons, now both parents and teachers are on the alert to observe the peculiar natural bent of children, and so far as possible give them opportunities to develop their special gifts.

In schools also the work of the teachers and their larger expenditure of vitality is noticed. Since, in addition to the old study of text books they now are expected to give so many oral and object lessons on the flowers, the birds, the animals, the rocks and the shells, and to help the children to illustrate the poems they read and learn, and to write out in their own language the stories which are told them. Instead of being forced to this extra work the gentleness and the winning manner of teachers leads them to love it.

"Your gentleness shall force."

Nowadays no headless are needed in our churches to tap the children on the head during service and force them to listen motionless to long doctrinal sermons or exhortations which they could not understand. Ministers in many of our churches to day have the children in mind as they prepare their sermons, and therefore, in many cases write and speak in a way to interest them. As a rule if the children are interested the parents themselves enjoy and profit by the service. The wisdom of Froebel's kindly saying, "Come let us live with our children that all things may be better here on earth," is more and more apparent each year in the conduct of our homes, and our secular and Sunday-schools.

Thackeray, who was so fond of children and young people, and in his books so often takes their parts while he inveighs against those who are in any way hard or cruel towards them, has beautifully said: "To make children happy blesses all human hearts."

Many men and women have been driven toward evil from a lack of gentleness and consideration in their homes during their early years, while on the contrary, numbers of men and women of power and usefulness, who, to day, fill important places in the world are glad to state with thankful hearts that the gentleness of their mothers and fathers, and their winning ways, led them to the right and inspired them toward high and noble living.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 10, 1899.

BY W. F. YARBOROUGH.

LESSONS IN GIVING.—Mal. 1:6-11, 3:9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—God loveth a cheerful giver.—1 Cor. 9:7.

Our last lesson was from the last of the historical books of the Old Testament while the present lesson is from the last of the prophetic books. The exact place which Malachi occupies in the history of the returned exiles cannot be determined definitely since the only evidence of date and authorship must be found in the book itself. Driver would assign it to the period between Nehemiah's first and second visits to Jerusalem, a place which it fits admirably.

Of the author we know nothing, save as his words reveal his character. Indeed we cannot be certain that Malachi was his real name since the word means "my messenger," and is used with that significance in 3:1. Many critics think that it should be so translated in every case and that the author was an anonymous writer. Be that as it may the writer is a divine messenger with an inspired message to an irreverent and selfish age. Much of his message has a peculiarly appropriate application to our own time. The lesson deals with an important question of our present-day religion and demands careful study.

SOME SPECIAL POINTS.

1. *God dishonored.*—Malachi presents the fatherhood of God in a light in which we are unaccustomed to view it. At the suggestion of God as Father, we think of His pity, His mercy, His love; Malachi thinks of His majesty and holiness. These he conceives to be greatly dishonored by the cheap and polluted offerings of the priests. Whether the priests offered polluted bread, blind, lame and sick animals instead of perfect sacrifices brought by the people or simply offered what the people brought they were guilty, for the law was against the priest's approaching the altar with any such offering. The prophet in a bold and vigorous style shows them that they are treating God with such disrespect as they would never think of showing the Persian satrap placed over them by the king. How can they hope to receive blessing from God when they treat Him so? How can He regard their prayers?

In our giving do we not sometimes thus dishonor Him? Do we

honor Him with the first fruits? Do we not often wait till we spend the best part of our income on our selfish interests and then turn over the fragments or remnants to the Lord? If, after our own comforts are provided for and our debts paid anything is left, why we turn that over to the Lord. But we owed Him before we owed any other and we dishonor Him if we fail to pay.

2. *God Displeased.*—Just as God was displeased with Eli and his sons for spending the best on themselves so he was displeased with these selfish priests in the days of Malachi. He speaks to them through the prophet saying as tersely paraphrased by Geo. Adam Smith, "Is there no one to close the doors of the temple altogether so that the altar smoke not in vain?" If this and the R. V. be correct in v. 10, we have the principle, "Better a temple closed than a temple profaned." Would it not be better for some churches to be closed than to sustain such empty and frivolous worship as springs from a self-centered and self-satisfied life? The prophet declares plainly that the Lord takes no pleasure in any such people nor in their offerings. He would have these people know that he is not dependent on any such dishonoring worship. If the future tense of the Authorized Version be correct, God declares plainly that his people are already supplanted in their loyalty by the Gentiles whose future acknowledgment under the Christian dispensation in the prophet's view is already realized. Are we not in danger of losing the good pleasure of God as his people of less favored opportunities out do us in self-sacrificing endeavor to glorify his name? The miserable giving that some of us do is enough to bring down a righteous Father's displeasure on our heads.

3. *God Robbed.*—To withhold from God his dues is robbery. The tithes which were required of the Israelites belonged to God and to withhold them was to rob God. This selfish failure to honor God with the tenth required has brought on the people the curse of a blighted harvest. There is a close relation between giving and prosperity. It is remarked some times that the churches are for the rich or the well to do, as the greater part of their membership is drawn from other than the very poor. Some one has said that this state of affairs is but the fulfilling of the principle here stated by the prophet. May it not be that the prosperous have the churches to-day because the churches and Christ's cause

had them before they were prosperous and their prosperity came because they honored God?

God honors them that honor Him. While this is the law of giving, our offerings cease to be gifts, if we give for the purpose of getting back, nevertheless, there is no abiding prosperity when God is left out of the count. A farmer prospering above many of his fellows, heard them complaining about the ravages of the boll-worm devouring their cotton. He told them he had found a remedy for the boll worm and referred them to this passage from Malachi. Whether he had literally found the remedy or not, he had in effect, for he was giving largely and God was blessing him above those who were not giving. He had proved God and God had blessed him. Let us beware lest we are guilty of the awful sin of robbing God.

A Question in Church Government. A Quorum—What is it?

It is baptistic to claim the importance of maintaining, in all our churches, that form of procedure, in the government of all their affairs, which accords with the principles of the New Testament.

Deviation in this course, even in small matters, might sometimes work harm to a church. If it does not result in immediate injury, it may establish a precedent that will be a dangerous whirlpool in the future. Baptists believe in the independent form of church government "where the governing power resides in the members of each individual church." They believe that no member "possesses a pre-eminence, but each enjoys an equality of rights."

But it can but be that, at times, all the members of a church can not, or will not, be present in the transaction of business. So the fixing of a quorum—the smallest number of members who may lawfully transact business, is deemed necessary. Each church determines what number shall constitute a quorum.

The question the writer would raise is this: Is the number the only qualifier? Is the number determined, regardless of any other limitation? ought there not be the limitations of time and place? The church at A makes seven a quorum. Seven of this church meet at another than the regular time, for it, and transact business. Is this act by authority of the church? If not, why not?

Suppose we assume the affirmative (some of our churches and

preachers do) and regard the act of the seven as lawful—the act of the church, it doesn't take half an eye to see the complete absence of any safeguard against unwise and hurtful proceedings. For example: This church numbers 50. The regular time to call a pastor approaches. There are a few members who want Elder A. regardless of the wishes of the majority. They take advantage of this quorum business, meet and change the time for calling a pastor, making it earlier than usual, at which time they meet and all (7 or 8) vote for A. According to the position assumed A is pastor elected though he may not have a single qualification for the place and may be a corrupt errorist, and in spite of the fact that 42 or 43 members do not want him. Any other important matter might be disposed of in a similar way.

The action of these 7 or 8 members is not lawful; and they cannot be considered a quorum in this case, and, if not in this, not in any.

Conclusion: A quorum is that number of the members of a church fixed by the church, transacting business at the regular place, and at the usual time, for the transaction of business, or at such place and time as may have been appointed by the church in a meeting at the regular place and time.

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The Home.

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'Twas only a little thing to do For a sturdy lad like Ned To groom the horse, to milk the cow, And bring the wood from the shed; But his father was glad to find at night The chores were all well done. "I am thankful," said he, "As I can be For the gift of such a son."

Only small things; but they brighten life, Or shadow it with care; But little things, yet they mould a life For joy or sad despair; But little things, yet life's best prize, The reward which labor brings, Comes to him who uses, And not abuses, The power of little things. —Mrs. Mary Fenton, in *Restitution*.

ALPHABETICAL CONUNDRUMS.

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What one must you get to visit Europe? U must cross the C.

What letters must one select to enjoy repose? He must take his E's.

What letter ought you to bestow on your blind grandmother? Letter C.

What color must E be to always be prompt? Red, for then it will always be read-E.

What letter, must a friend bid you search for when he praises the weather? Find A.

What gender will render Ba god dess? Masculine, for it will then become a he B (Hebe.)

What letter of Caesar's name, multiplied by four, assisted him in his conquests? His four C's.

What very great depth in two letters will give the name of a country where foreigners live? Abyss in IA (Abyssinia).—*Youth's Companion*.

PAYING THE FARE.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

When Jonah took it into his

foolish head to run away to Tarshish "from the presence of the Lord," he went on board of an outward-bound vessel, and "paid the fare thereof." That was an expensive excursion. He lost his money. He lost his time. He lost the approval of his conscience and the smile of God. He would have lost his life but for a miraculous rescue, and he returned to Joppa a sadder and a wiser man. When anyone attempts to run away from God he is sure to be overtaken, and when anyone chooses a seductive path of sin he pays dearly for the folly.

I see it announced in the daily journals that a certain heart-broken young wife has been divorced from a worthless husband for "cruelty and desertion." It was all in vain that her parents besought her not to entrust her heart and her happiness to one who hid a rotten character behind a handsome face and polished manners; she took the reckless risk, and has paid the fare thereof. In all my life-long observation I have almost never known a marriage contracted in opposition to the wishes of loving parents, that has not turned out badly. The wages of filial disobedience are apt to be death to happiness.

Not long ago I met a man whom I had known in his better days; he was reeling along under the escort of a policeman towards the stationhouse. Poor creature, he was paying the toll on the devil's turn-pike. The heartless saloon-keeper who sold him the poison will be required to pay his when he reaches the judgment-bar of a righteous God. Let the young understand that every pathway of sensual indulgence—whether it leads to impure books, or to salacious scenes in a theater, or to any gratification of sensual lusts, will sooner or later encounter a toll-gate of retribution. Can any young man or maiden take hot coals of fire into the bosom and not be scorched?

Roads to gross sins that pollute the body and the soul are not the only perilous ones. There is a pathway to political preferment into which bright and ambitious young men are pushing; if in name for the service of the people, yet too often only for party or self-advancement. The "fare" they pay is a constant worry, a temptation to trick and intrigue, a readiness to descend in character in order to ascend into high office, and a wretched demoralization of conscience. Civil office ought to be accepted as an honorable and

sacred trust; but unfortunately the atmosphere of "practical politics" in our country is so contaminating that few clean men stay in it long without a smirch on their reputations. Whoever chooses that road of ambition let him count the cost.

Over in yonder city streets to-day are thousands of men mad to get rich. That appetite grows by what it feeds on. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver," and they who determine that at all hazards they will win wealth must pay the penalty. Gold is an excellent servant when held in trust for God and good men; it is a cruel master when it owns its possessor. "How do you feel to-day?" was asked of a millionaire who at four-score was tottering along feebly for an airing. "I feel better," was the pitiful reply, "I feel better to-day, stocks are up!" The poor rich man was almost in sight of eternity; yet he was hugging his money-bags as a drowning man hugs a plank. Whoever travels the thronged road of covetousness must "pay the fare thereof."

I could multiply illustrations; but they would all point to the one great solemn truth that sin is about the costliest thing in God's universe. However smooth its tongue and bewitching its promises, the wages it exacts are death! It always "finds us out;" and Christians need to remember this as much as the most worldly-minded slave of Mammon or the most impure slave of sensual appetite. It was one of God's prophets who fled from the path of duty into the path of inclination and "paid the fare thereof." Even some ministers have been overtaken on the road to Tarshish, and have been glad to get back penitently to their right field of labor in Nineveh. The "meek will be guide in his way." Is not a life of godliness costly, too? Yes, but in quite another way. The straight road towards heaven by the redeeming love of Christ Jesus hath "a fare thereof" also. Repentance and faith are demanded at the entrance-gate. "If thou wilt enter into life," says Jesus, "keep my commandments. He that would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." All the richest graces, all the noblest deeds of love for others, all the grandest achievements for the glory of our blessed Master are costly. Crosses are the price of unfading crowns. There is this mighty difference between the "fare" on the two roads into eternity. On the one, the wages are paid—in hell. At the end of the other, the reward is paid—in heaven!—*Evangelist*.

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BAPTIST REFORMATION.

BY REV. JOHN CLIFFORD.

Catholic theology denies the existence of a universal spiritual church, and declares that the Scriptures teach that there is none but a visible, outward church. That visible, outward church, they maintain, is the Catholic church, and that it alone is the church that Christ founded on the rock, and promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.

Baptist theology affirms the existence of a universal spiritual church, composed of the aggregate of the redeemed, and declares that the Scriptures teach in addition to it that there are also visible local churches. Baptist theology also declares that the universal spiritual church, and not any visible, outward church, was built on the rock, and that to this universal spiritual church alone was given the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

In the early days all Baptists were Protestants. It was their care and boast that no rag of popery should be found about them anywhere. They held that neither the outward, visible Catholic church, nor the outward, visible Lutheran church, nor the outward, visible Episcopal church, nor the outward, visible Baptist denomination, nor any other outward visible church organization, was built by Christ upon the rock, and hence that none of these outward, visible church organizations have ever received any promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against them.

But a sad change has come over the spirit of our dreams. We can no longer claim to be the most Protestant of the Protestants. Some of our brethren have traveled so far on the journey towards Rome that they deny the Baptists are Protestants at all. And with good reason, for these brethren, like the Catholics, call in question the existence of the universal spiritual church. Like the Catholics, they also claim that not the universal church but, instead of it, an outward, visible organization, was built on the rock. They differ from the Catholics in asserting that this outward, visible organization is the Baptist denomination, while the Catholics assert it is the Catholic church. They also hold that the outward, visible Baptist denomination has the promise of succession, while the Catholics declare that this promise belongs exclusively to the Catholic church.

It is clear these are not differences in principle, but only in respect to matters of detail.

The existence of the universal spiritual church is not an open question among Baptists. No person who rejects that article can claim to be a Baptist. All such persons leave Baptist ground and assume a position by the side of the Catholics. One may not argue with them as Baptists, but rather as Catholics. That point is so evident that some brethren have hesitated to reject the universal spiritual church in open, unmistakable terms. Therefore these brethren are disposed to concede the existence of a universal spiritual church, but they regard it mainly in the light of an intellectual concept. They are not willing to concede that this intellectual concept has any sort of relation to Matt. 16:18; that it is founded on the rock, or has any promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. On the contrary, they assume that the outward, visible Baptist denomination is the church that was founded on the rock; that the outward, visible Baptist denomination alone has received the promise of succession. This view differs from that which precedes it in form only, and not in fact. It is not found in the Philadelphia Confession, or in the Word of God. It is just truly a Catholic view as the preceding view.

Still another class of brethren concede the existence of the universal spiritual church, and also that it is the church alluded to in Matt. 16:18. They even allow that it is the church which Christ built on the rock. But there they stop short; they will not allow that it is the church against which the gates of hell shall not prevail. On the contrary, they claim that the Baptist denomination is the only church which has received any promise of succession. This is an arbitrary and indefensible position. But that is not the worst of the matter; this position is only a trifle less Catholic than those which precede it above. No person can occupy this position without first deserting Baptist ground and going over to the ground occupied by Catholic theology. From the earliest time Baptists have maintained that "succession is anti-Christ's chief hold." It makes little difference whether it be called apostolic succession or Baptist church succession, or even Baptist church perpetuity. Whatever may be the form in which it is presented, "succession is anti-Christ's chief hold." It gave to the Catholic church her claim to exclusive possession and authority, and kindled

all the martyr fires. Dr. Gill wrote a work to show that infant baptism is "a part and pillar of popery," but succession is the main part and pillar of popery.

The question among Southern Baptists is whether they shall be able to renounce these Catholic elements and return to the faith of their fathers, the faith once for all delivered to the saints. A Baptist reformation is demanded among us. Is such a consummation possible? Or shall we drift still further towards Rome, until finally all hope of deliverance shall be cut off?—*Exchange.*

119 PSALM—169-176 VERSES.

169—Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to thy word.

170—Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy word.

171—My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172—My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness.

173—Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

174—I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

175—Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgement help me.

176—I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Thy Servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

These words, which are the conclusion of a remarkable composition, not only for its length, but its spiritual fertility and devoutness, are a supplication of a model prayer.

We desire briefly to notice—first: "The earnestness it breathes."

Second: "The mercies it invokes."

Third: "The plea it urges, and fourth, the confession it makes."

Let us consider first, the earnestness it breathes. "Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord." This prayer is not a statement, it is not an address, but a cry denoting great fervency. The Psalmist is in earnest; He really wants something, and from the very depths of his heart, asks for it.

He continues to call upon God in earnest, which is the real characteristic of true prayer. Prayer is not the language we use, but it is the earnest desire of the heart, realizing the helpless condition we are in, and feeling the need of divine aid. Many prayers, replete with beautiful diction, never reach God's ear; we should always be earnest in prayer.

Next we consider the mercies it invokes. After first asking God to hear and answer, he says: Give me understanding according to thy word.

The Psalmist realized, that in a moral sense he was blind and foolish; that he needed light. Not natural light like that given by the sun, moon and stars, but divine light, spiritual light—that light not seen with natural eyes, but felt in the heart and understanding.

"Deliver me according to thy word." It was a cry for soul deliverance also. "Let thine hand help me." He realized his helplessness; realized that he needed divine help.

We all need this help, none are independent. We must look to God for everything. Self helpfulness is a fiction, a dream, no hand can really help us but the hand of God. We can plow and sow—but He only, can cause the seed to grow. His arms are long, and He only can reach down and lift us up. Then again, he prays for continued existence. "Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee." The Psalmist wishes to live, not for any selfish end, not that he may enjoy ease and pleasure, but that he may praise the Lord. "Let me live, that my life shall utter praise to thee; take me not away in the midst of my days."

Let us now consider the pleas it urges. He pleads the testimony of God. God's promises are sure, his testimonies are his words, and are true.

The Psalmist says deliver me according to thy word; thus praying for what was divinely promised.

All true prayer must be guided by the divine word. Next he pleads a resolution. "My lips shall utter praise when thou hast taught me thy statutes, and my tongue shall speak of thy word."

He resolves to lay out the remainder of his days in the service of his creator—everything to the honor and glory of God.

He next pleads his delight in the divine law. Oh, that we could all plead this! Oh, that we could all truthfully, in good conscience toward God, say, as the Psalmist says here, "I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord, and thy law is my delight."

As we grow in grace, we more fully appreciate what we have from God, and are warranted to expect, and qualified to receive more. The Christian who does not grow, is incapacitated, and does not expect great things from God, for the simple reason, that he has not tasted greatly of God's immense store of wealth.

Lastly, let us consider the confession it makes. The Psalmist was but a human, weak, just as we are; and he confesses to his God, just as we ought to do.

He says, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep, or, yea, though I stray like a sheep that is lost." This is true of all. We sometime stray from the knowledge, the Image, the companionship of God, into the wilderness of Moral darkness and confusion. But Christ, the good shepherd, leaves the Ninety and nine, and though the road be rough and steep, he seeks us out, and tenderly carries us in his bosom, back to the shelter of the fold.

J. M. H.

For Brother Butler—Help!

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More deadly than the Filipinos' rifles are the American grog-shops, and yet we seem to have agreed as a nation that while the Filipinos are to be suppressed the saloon is to be sustained.

In the ranks of the political parties not one man of a national prominence can be found who is on bad terms with the liquor traffic or who dares to announce that in public life and private stations he is the foe of the saloon.

Joseph Cook says that "the road to political preferment runs through the gin-mill," and the voting church appears to have deliberately elected to travel that road in peace rather than run the risk of temporary defeat by making an heroic effort to remove the gin-mill from its path.

So long as the leading churchmen are timorous and hesitating in their attitude towards the liquor traffic, so long as the politician can win by the favor of the saloon and enjoy the plaudits of the church, so long as no man true to his noblest convictions can command the united support of Christian men in politics so long will the saloon be a dominant force in our government and the church continue to lose her influence over the masses.

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mankind? The highway man takes your money. The rumrunner takes both money and life; nay more, he takes reputation, character, happiness and family. He destroys his victim by long-continued and most horrid tortures. We are told that the rumrunner is doing a "respectable business," and should be "let alone," but this is the teaching of false guides—blind leaders of the blind. His business has not one redeeming feature. Dr. Lyman Beecher, thirty years ago, said: "I defy any one to show that rumrunners are not murderers." Senator Morrill, of Maine in the United States Senate, said: "the liquor traffic is the gigantic crime of crimes in this age, and part of it in this country."

The traffic should be exterminated root and branch. It should be placed under the ban of prohibition by legislative enactment. Every Christian citizen is called upon by his love to God, his country, and his fellow man, to do all he can, by the use of the ballot, and in any other way, to rid this country of the foul blot now resting upon it by reason of the legalized and licensed traffic in intoxicating drink. Which will you license? The highwayman or the rumrunner?

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Bro. J. R. Carter, Blue Mountain, preached on Nov. 26, to his congregation on the evils of intemperance. This occasion suggested that it might be the proper thing for every pastor in the State to do likewise. The jug season is rapidly approaching, and our weak brethren and friends ought to be warned against this universal evil. A timely warning by a loving pastor might save some one.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S ADDRESS.

The South African Baptist Union reports thirty-four churches, thirty-four pastors, eleven missionaries, forty-four church buildings and 3,430 members. One of the churches is located in Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic, where the last annual meeting of the Union was held. An address of welcome was delivered by President Kruger, Staats President of the South African Republic. We give it to our readers.

BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND REVEREND GENTLEMEN:—I call you brothers and sisters because you believe with me in Christ. When I see how the gospel is being spread, I think of the words, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring messages of peace." Those words are dear to me, and I rejoice to see the fulfilment of the Word. This is the peace which our Lord Jesus Christ brought to us. Who can describe the inward feeling of the disciples when the angels brought the tidings, "Christ has risen from the dead"? for it meant the salvation of the sinner from the bonds of sin. After that first Easter, the apostles spoke to every one in his own tongue. Churches were founded, and the gospel began to be preached among all the nations of the earth. And if we look at the events which have taken place, under the guidance of the Almighty, since that period, then we see that it was the dawn of a new era in the history of the world. Notwithstanding that the unbelievers persecuted the Christians, the course of the gospel could not be impeded, and although subordinate differences arose between the churches—the one understanding the Word in a different sense from the other—the Christians became more and more united by the one great subject; and, as long as the churches adhere to the Word of God and Jesus Christ, they will continually grow in unanimity as regards the way in which the gospel must be understood; and I believe that the day will come to pass when all will understand it in the same light; then all will unite to work together for the suppression of sin, and the churches will be one and indivisible. Then the four angels, spoken of in the Apocalypse, as standing at the four corners of the world, will prevent the winds from damaging a single tree—the trees representing the Churches on the earth, which will not be destroyed. John said: "And there was war in heaven," but Satan will be bound and cast into the pit that the churches may be sealed, and then comes the glorious state of the Church, the return of the Jews, the ingathering of the heathen, and all who shall be saved will then be in—and this will be the whole Israel who have struggled against sin. For this reason I am glad that I have been able to come here—to see and to feel that peace is preached also in this church in the name of Christ. I am glad to think of the day when all Christians will understand the Word of God in the same light, and the gospel of our Lord will be pro-

claimed all over the world. In the meantime we can always co-operate in love and peace, and where we differ we can always argue with each other in all brotherly love. As far as I know, the Baptist churches preach the peace of Jesus Christ, and therefore they teach the true salvation. My desire is that every one in this Republic should preach the gospel so that the name of my Savior and the everlasting gospel may be uplifted and made known to all who walk in the darkness and the shadow of death—to every nation and kindred tongue and people—until the time shall come when every one will understand the Word of God. This is what I wish also for the Baptist church. Amen.

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